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Dear Harold:

Thanks for the article about McKnight. It is just what I needed. Is it from the Frederick paper?

I am going to wait a few days, until I make sure the bookstores can at least order his book, and then I shall contact all at WHAS to see if they are interested in having him. The most intellectual of the bunch is Joe Elliott . His show is on from 9pm to 12 midnight, when you are asleep. He replaced the legendary Milton Metz, who held that spot for 20 or 30 years!
Joe Elliott is an interesting guy. He is blind, but still very well read. A few years ago, he had on Jim Marrs, Burt Griffin, and the guy who you know who wrote the book saying Oswald did it. You know, the guy who wrote you when he was a kid and said he wanted to run for president. Anyway, Joe does three one hour bits, so he goes through a lot of material. I will enclose the article you sent me.

After all, it is black history month. I thought it was January.

There is an organization in town called 100 black men. Not really a Rotary club deal, I may propose to them to make a King presentation. I could make a 2 hour speech on JFK, but I have to study up a little on King. Lawyers, businessmen. It is funny, but being part owner of one of the largest businesses in the West End, the black area of town, I usually get a good reception from blacks in town because they all know of it because of all the big yellow Cat tractors.

Back in 1968, when we had the race riots, we used to keep keys in all the tractors, because they all use the same one. Dad had to call down there and tell them to remove the keys. We were afraid that some nut would steal a machine, and strip mine downtown Louisville. Talk about unlimited liability. In spite of probably too few black employees, we always had good community relations.Fixed things our customers trucks hit, like running over a yard, scratching a car, etc. Dad always kept good relations with the local small business people, and they would always tell us if one of our employees was stealing supplies- towels, etc, and I think they liked being treated as equals by a big business. A little respect goes a long ways!

Anyway, I'm playing with my foam boards and now if someone will let me talk, I'll be ready. Two colleges I am interested in speaking to are Kentucky State and Berea. Ky State is the only traditionally black college, now quite ~~xxxxxxxxxxxx~~ integrated. Berea, in Eastern KY on I75 about 55 miles south of Lexington, is a college for mostly poor kids that makes all work for their tuition. Both may like a free speaker! Berea was quite radical, let black kids go to college when it was illegal in Kentucky.

Until I met you, I was only vaguely aware of the organized right wing. Although I do know some members of the KKK. I even have one friend who is an admirer of Adolf Hitler, and a Nazi apologist. Claims the concentration camps were only prisoner of war camps. Nice fellow, but misguided. But I was only dimly aware of how organized some of it is. With computers, they can share mailing lists easily. I must admit, I have not heard much from the Liberty LObby lately. Remember, they traced Tim McVeigh and Terry Nichols through a Spotlight phone debit card. A prepaid phone card.

Clinton's problems reminds me of the old Adolph Rupp story. Rupp and his party were offered a drink. Bernie Shively, the athletic director,says" I would rather commit adultery than let a drink of liquor touch my lips." Rupp said"Hell, I didn't know we had a choice!".

What amazes me is that so many don't believe the Prez. I give him the benefit of the doubt. Al Hunt, who wrote for the Wall Street Journal and still does, condemns Clinton. It is like all the women who claim to have slept with Elvis. Probably some exaggeration there.

As far as Prof. Grundy, I guess he is another who thinks he knows it all. I mean, how tough is it to say "Thank you" and accept a book?

Being your "press agent" has helped me develop a thick skin. I find sometimes that uneducated people are more open minded than the educated. I think some educated people move into a sort of "conventional wisdom," a world where Oswald is guilty, so is Ray, and the Generals and Admirals know more than us about how to run the world. You see that now in howsome of the press is so ready to condemn Clinton. Unlike Nixon, he might be telling the truth. I think this sort of thinking is what leads to a lack of investigation of incidents like the Gulf of Tonkin and TWA 800. The same sort of thinking that lists Reagan as a great business president, forgetting the godawful recession of 1982, when the economy was the worst in 50 years. Or portrays Clinton as antibusiness, though the economy is in great shape.

The fellow who I knew who worked at the Baltimore Sun is, I believe, back in Lexington. Harry Merritt. He is supposedly writing a book on Sen. Cooper, but my book on JFK may beat him, at the rate he is going. And I haven't even started mine!Guess the bright lights and the big city was not for him.

Did you see how tactical nuclear weapons have been moved into the theatre in Iraq? Our government has so many bright ideas.

I see where an auto race track has been proposed between DC and Baltimore. Don't think it has much of a chance. Land too expensive and too much opposition. It costs over $100 million to build a track now. Wow.

Anyway, hope you get your ambulance bill fixed. Sounds like it was lucky you lived. McKnight said he thought you might be a goner. Johns Hopkins must be a hell of a hospital, and you must be a tough old bird. But you have been damn nice to me, and I really appreciate it. Maybe I can make a few speeches and give you something to be proud of in me. I hope so.

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